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GOOGLE, LLC, :  
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Defendant. :  
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1 measurement; that is, if at some point a  
2 Biscotti is sent in that we don't have  
3 the Gaia ID, we're still able to  
4 attribute, for example, that somebody  
5 purchased something in relation to an ad  
6 that was shown.

7 So [REDACTED] and my  
8 understanding of it is specifically Gaia-  
9 keyed sets of IDs that are used to  
10 support inference about conversions cross  
11 device.

12 Q. So let's explore that for a  
13 little bit. Generally as a use case, are  
14 Google products allowed to blend the data  
15 between Biscotti and Gaia?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Why is it in this case  
18 [REDACTED] Group IDs are allowed to, I  
19 don't know if you'd use the word  
20 leveraged or linked, or whatever you  
21 would choose, you know, for this  
22 instance, why is it for the purposes of  
23 conversion of ads you're allowed to use  
24 both Gaia and Biscotti?

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1 a one-to-one, right, it's the user -- the  
2 Gaia user specifically has somehow  
3 converted on an ad, it, you know, where  
4 there was a Biscotti instead of a Gaia  
5 ID; isn't that correct?

6 A. The way that conversions are  
7 surfaced and presented to advertisers, et  
8 cetera is in aggregate. So an advertiser  
9 will create a campaign that says, I'd  
10 like to serve this 7-Up ad and here --  
11 here are the criteria for where I want  
12 the ad to show up, et cetera, and then if  
13 they want to actually see how many people  
14 then buy that soda because they saw the  
15 ad, what we provide back to the -- the  
16 advertiser is not a list of IDs of users  
17 that converted, but just how many  
18 conversions happened because of their  
19 campaign. So --

20 Q. Is that an exact count? But  
21 that is an exact count that Google  
22 provides, right, how many conversions?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. And that conversion is based

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1 A. Google has a set of, as --  
2 as you noted, policies that are meant to  
3 prevent reidentifiability, prevent  
4 joining of sort of sensitive IDs in terms  
5 of, say, signed in and signed out. So  
6 the vast majority of the way all of our  
7 systems work, we maintain a very strict  
8 separation.

9 The exception in this  
10 particular case is because conversions  
11 are always recorded in aggregate and  
12 they're not associated to an individual  
13 user, we're not leaking any data about an  
14 individual user by being able to count  
15 the number of conversions associated with  
16 a given campaign.

17 And so [REDACTED] used in  
18 this way is specifically has a carve out  
19 set of permissions that are linked to the  
20 fact that individual users are not being  
21 tracked, only aggregate level insights as  
22 it relates to conversions are being  
23 provided.

24 Q. Right. But a conversion is

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1 off of both Gaia and Biscotti IDs; isn't  
2 that correct?

3 A. In the -- if a  
4 [REDACTED] graph -- if the  
5 [REDACTED] graph is used to be able to  
6 make the imprints in terms of a cross  
7 device conversion, then the answer is  
8 yes.

9 Q. Okay. And you charged the  
10 advertiser a specific amount of dollars  
11 based on the number of conversions; isn't  
12 that correct?

13 A. Advertising campaigns can be  
14 set up based on a number of certain  
15 criteria. It could be that if, let's  
16 say, a brand-related campaign, it's the  
17 number of impressions; that is, how many  
18 people saw the ad. Conversions is simply  
19 one of the metrics that an advertiser can  
20 choose as the metrics associated with  
21 what they pay.

22 Q. Right. But for whether it  
23 be for conversions or number of  
24 impressions; in other words, whether it's

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1 MR. BROOME: Are you done?

2 Are you done, Mark?

3 MR. MAO: I am not done.

4 I'm reserving my rights.

5 MR. BROOME: You're done,

6 right? I mean, do you have -- let

7 me -- let me put it this way: Do

8 you have any more questions for

9 the witness to ask right now?

10 We're not bringing him back

11 because you want to reserve time

12 hypothetically.

13 MR. MAO: We are off the

14 clock, my clock. If you want to

15 go on your clock --

16 MR. BROOME: Yeah, I do.

17 I'm just asking are you done with

18 your questioning? It's a pretty

19 straightforward question. Are you

20 done with your questioning of this

21 witness?

22 MR. MAO: I'm reserving my

23 rights.

24 MR. BROOME: Reserving your

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1 questions now? I'm going to take

2 your silence, your non-response as

3 a yes.

4 - - -

# EXAMINATION

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7 BY MR. BROOME:

8 Q. Mr. Berntson, do you recall  
9 that Mr. Mao asked you some questions  
10 today about Google mapping Biscotti IDs  
11 and [REDACTED] and conversion  
12 tracking?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And I believe you testified  
15 that mapping in [REDACTED] requires a  
16 Gaia ID; is that -- is that right?

17 A. That is correct.

18 Q. For the dataflow that's at  
19 issue in this case where users are on  
20 their browsers, they're signed out of  
21 their Google accounts, they're in private  
22 browsing mode, would there be any mapping  
23 from Gaia to Biscotti?

24 A. No, because when you go into

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1 rights for what?

2 MR. MAO: I'm reserving my

3 rights to ask additional questions

4 of a witness that's properly

5 prepared to testify to the topics,

6 including the topics which the

7 court had actually ordered.

8 MR. BROOME: Okay. But you

9 don't have any more questions for

10 Mr. Berntson?

11 MR. MAO: Disagree. I don't

12 know.

13 MR. BROOME: You don't know

14 if you have any more questions for

15 him?

16 MR. MAO: Steve, stop

17 burning my time.

18 MR. BROOME: Do you have any

19 more questions for Mr. Berntson?

20 MR. MAO: I'm pausing my

21 portion.

22 MR. BROOME: Okay. I'm

23 going to take that as a no.

24 Did -- can I -- can I ask my

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1 private browsing mode, you start off with

2 a completely empty cookie jar. A

3 Biscotti is created, and if you don't

4 sign in to Google, there's no Gaia to map

5 that new Biscotti to. The Biscotti that

6 is present on the non-incognito browser

7 instance is not shared with the incognito

8 browser instance so there's no way of

9 creating that mapping from an incognito

10 session.

11 Q. Okay. And -- and conversely

12 would there be any mapping from Biscotti

13 to Gaia under those same conditions?

14 A. No. Again for similar

15 reasons, there is no Gaia to map that

16 Biscotti to.

17 Q. Mr. Mao asked -- also asked

18 you a number of questions about the

19 X-Client-Data header.

20 Do you recall that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you understand that the

23 plaintiffs in this case have proposed

24 that Google could use the absence of the

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1 X-Client-Data header to identify users  
2 who are in incognito mode?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And does Google use the  
5 absence of the X-Client-Data header to  
6 identify users who are in incognito mode?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And would that be a good way  
9 to identify incognito users?

10 A. No.

11 Q. And why is that?

12 A. Because there are cases that  
13 will lead to false positives; that is,  
14 where you see an empty X-Client-Data  
15 header and you assume it's incognito but  
16 not and false negatives where the reverse  
17 is also true. There are processes that  
18 can result in empty client -- empty  
19 X-Client-Data headers and to take an  
20 empty client -- X-Client-Data header and  
21 populate values.

22 Q. Can you give us a couple of  
23 examples?

24 A. Sure. For the first case

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1 this is because the variation IDs are  
2 basically instructions as to what new  
3 features are enabled in the browser, and  
4 so Chrome, after it starts out, will make  
5 an asynchronous call to retrieve these  
6 data from the server, and if that server  
7 endpoint is blocked by a firewall, no  
8 X-Client-Data header is provided, none of  
9 the variation IDs. So that's another  
10 case where you can have an empty  
11 X-Client-Data header.

12 Q. Thank you. That's very  
13 helpful.

14 Mr. Berntson, do -- do you  
15 understand that you have been designated  
16 by Google to testify on topics, with the  
17 exception of Topic No. 5 to which Google  
18 objected to producing a witness, Topics 1  
19 through 4 and 6 through 12? You  
20 understand that you've been designated to  
21 testify on those topics?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. On behalf of Google?

24 A. Yes, I do.

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1 where there are instances where the  
2 X-Client-Data header is empty and it's  
3 not in incognito browsing, there -- there  
4 are quite a few different ways that that  
5 can happen. One is if it's a new browser  
6 instance, no X-client header is present  
7 in any call out from the browser.

8 The second is if you haven't  
9 used your browser for [REDACTED] or more,  
10 the X-client header data is considered to  
11 be stale and just purged and no  
12 X-Client-Data header is passed.

13 Another case is if the  
14 variation IDs that are carried in the  
15 X-Client-Data header, if too many are  
16 returned to Chrome to prevent the  
17 requests coming from Chrome from being  
18 too large, they just delete them all and  
19 so you'd see no X-Client-Data header.

20 Yet another permutation is  
21 the presence of a firewall can also  
22 prevent Chrome, the browser, from getting  
23 the variation IDs that are used to  
24 populate the X-Client-Data header, and

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1 Q. And -- and did you -- did  
2 you indeed prepare to testify on all of  
3 those topics?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. How much time do you think  
6 you spent preparing to testify on those  
7 topics?

8 A. At least 25 hours.

9 Q. And did you conduct  
10 interviews with relevant subject matter  
11 experts in order to educate yourself on  
12 the topics for which you've been  
13 designated?

14 A. I did. I interviewed eight  
15 different people.

16 Q. Okay. And -- and did you  
17 review documents in order to educate  
18 yourself on the topics for which you've  
19 been designated?

20 A. Yes, and those have been  
21 entered as Exhibits 12 and 13.

22 Q. Okay. And that's -- that's  
23 a -- a binder of 61 documents by my  
24 count; is that right?



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7	253:14;			
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9	28:11, 15;			
10	37:5;			
11	38:8;			
12	88:6, 10, 15;			
13	97:19;			
14	102:5;			
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6	23;			
7	226:5;			
8	228:5;			
9	245:1, 2, 4, 13;			
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8	126:5, 15;			
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17	109:12	up-to-date	out-of-date	misspoke
18	157:19	If Biscotti	A Biscotti	transcription error
19	166:11;			
20	202:23;	conversation		
21	203:3, 15	s	conversions	transcription error
22	204:6	conversation	conversion	transcription error

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